

territory of Alaska at the age of 11 in 1939, when her stepfather and mother found work at the Independence Gold Mine outside of Palmer, AK. In 1942 her family moved to Homer, AK. Before graduating from high school in 1948, Diana had already gained attention and praise for her art. In her teens Diana won a juror's choice award for a painting and was paid \$100 a great amount at that time—to paint a mural of Homer in the old Yah Sure Club saloon. She was recognized as a promising artist and began studying art by correspondence, since, at that time, there was no road access to Homer and the lower Kenai Peninsula. As a young woman, Diana left Alaska to study under the prominent artists of the time in New York, London, and Paris.

In 1952, Diana married an Alaskan commercial fisherman and the love of her life, Clem Tillion. Clem proposed to Diana on their first date, and they spent 59 wonderful years together. Clem and Diana built their life together in Halibut Cove, a small scenic community located on the south shore of Kachemak Bay in Prince William Sound—a 6-mile trip by boat from Homer. The Tillions had four children: William, Marian, Martha, and Vincent. When Alaska celebrated statehood in 1958, Clem became active in the State legislature and served in both the House and Senate. Diana was a key supporter in Clem's political career and successfully moved four children back and forth between Halibut Cove and Juneau when the State legislature was in session. She maintained their education as well as her career in the arts throughout this time. Her son Vincent has said that she “supported [Clem] wholeheartedly in a way many wouldn't be able to do”. The special friendship between Clem and Diana Tillion was well recognized among political colleagues and friends in Juneau.

In 1958 Diana discovered a new medium, distinguishing herself as the first and only known artist to paint with octopus ink. A biologist friend helped her perfect the extraction process so that removing the ink caused no harm to the creatures found in the lagoon near her home. Once removed, the ink naturally regenerates. Diana was fascinated by how the color of the ink shifted from animal to animal—from purple to gold to green. She built an art gallery in Halibut Cove that drew many visitors and renowned artists to the small community over several decades. It was said that Diana turned Halibut Cove into an “isolated haven” for Alaska's artists. Diana's work was featured in a solo exhibit at the Anchorage Museum in 1971 and her work was shown across the country. She published six books, served as the vice president of the Alaska Council on the Arts and taught art at Homer Community College for 10 years. Diana influenced many Alaskans through her compassion for art and public service. Her living legacy is apparent today through

her work, family, and those who were fortunate enough to have known her.

You can go through life and meet thousands of people, but it is rare to meet someone as exceptional as Diana. She was a pioneer, in the truest sense of the word. A lover of Alaska and the people. Diana painted her last picture just 8 days before she passed away. She is survived by her husband Clem, their four children, grandchildren, and friends. Alaskans back home, myself included, are proud of the legacy that is Diana's life and work. The person she was and the beautiful art she left with us will forever be cherished.

On behalf of the U.S. Senate, I am proud to recognize and thank Diana Rutzebeck Tillion for her passion for life and her family, her originality, and years of giving to her community. I extend my condolences and sincere sympathy on her passing to her family, friends, and students.●

TRIBUTE TO CARL TUBBESING

● Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, today I honor Carl Tubbesing, executive director of the National Conference of State Legislatures, NCSL, on the occasion of his retirement after 35 years of service. Carl's dedication to the ideals of federalism has been steadfast and unwavering during the course of his time at NCSL, and his accomplishments have been many. His tireless commitment to maintaining the balance among Federal, State and local governments undoubtedly has made a positive impact in the lives of many.

I am fortunate to have worked with Carl during my days as chairman of the National Governors Association. Together, we fought to maintain a healthy relationship between Federal and State governments, and to ensure that the folks in Washington adhered to the same ideals of federalism in which we believed.

In 1986, I made a speech as mayor of Cleveland lamenting the fact that while Constitutional federalism was alive in theory, it had died in practice. We have made great progress since I gave that speech more than 20 years ago. The comeback story of federalism and our success in the proper delineation of responsibility from Federal centralization to local control is due, in no small part, to Carl's perseverance and hard work.

Carl's efforts to devolve authority for domestic policy from the Federal to State level paid off, most notably, with the passage of several major pieces of legislation. These include the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act, amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Reform Act, welfare reform, and Medicaid reforms.

It is my privilege to recognize Carl Tubbesing for his diligent commitment to federalism and dedicated service to the National Conference of State Legislatures, and to congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 3092. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5070 Vegas Valley Drive in Las Vegas, Nevada, as the “Joseph A. Ryan Post Office Building”.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-4984. A communication from the Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Tomatoes Grown in Florida; Decreased Assessment Rate” (Docket Nos. AMS-FV-09-0063; FV09-956-2 FIR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 8, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4985. A communication from the Assistant Director, Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2010; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4986. A communication from the Assistant Director, Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs), received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2010; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4987. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4988. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations (75 FR 7956)” ((44 CFR Part 65)(Docket No. FEMA-2010-0003)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 4, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4989. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management